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Letter dated 26 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith an official statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation of 24 February 2014 on the current political situation in Ukraine (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in connection with the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on 24 February 2014

Reacting to the statement the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation published on 24 February 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine considers it necessary to declare the following.

Acute social and political crisis, accompanied by violence of the past regime, demanded swift and effective counteraction to overcome it. It was the purpose of the Agreement on resolving the crisis in Ukraine, signed on 21 February 2014. However, the self-withdrawal of the former leaders of the state from fulfilling its responsibilities created obstacles to the due implementation of the agreements.

At the same time, the Parliament of Ukraine, the only legislative body and a legitimate institution of official power, claimed responsibility for the normalization of the situation in the country and decided to enforce most of the provisions of this Agreement, in particular, the decision to return to the Constitution of 2004, appointing the extraordinary presidential elections on 25 May 2014.

Creation of the "Government of national unity" continues.

Key decisions of the Parliament of Ukraine aimed to normalize the situation in the country, voted by the constitutional majority of people's deputies of Ukraine that represent all parliamentary political forces.

The legitimacy of decisions taken by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has already gained recognition from many international partners of our country.

Today in Kyiv, as well as in other cities of Ukraine, public peace and order were restored. With this purpose the Ukrainian law machinery, using the principles of openness and tolerance, adjusted an effective cooperation with local communities.

As a part of the process of the restoration of national unity, primordial attention is now given to the consideration of interests of all citizens from all regions of Ukraine in order to prevent violations of their legal rights.

Thus, all necessary steps towards removing the State from the current crisis and stabilizing our society are actually undertaken by the new Governance.

Allegations contained in the statement of the Russian Foreign Ministry regarding so-called "threats to civil rights, particularly of minorities and religious confessions" are absolutely false and are not based on the proven facts.

This statement also contains biased and non-relevant allegations regarding "terrorist methods of suppressing dissent" and distribution of "neo-Nazi ideology" by the political parties that gained the support of the biggest majority of the Ukrainian people during the parliamentary elections of 2012, which is taking nowadays all responsibility for the situation in the country.

At this stage, Ukraine is particularly interested in supporting the efforts of the international community to ensure economic stability and prevent potential threats to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the State. Special expectations, in this context, are relying on the Guarantor States of the territorial integrity and political independence of Ukraine in accordance with the Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with Ukraine's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (Budapest Memorandum).

Thus, Ukraine reconfirms big importance of the recent statement of the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs (as one of the parties to the Budapest Memorandum) on the inadmissibility of external interference in the internal affairs of Ukraine and the importance of creating conditions for Ukraine's development as a part of a pan-European family.

For our part, we reiterate a strong commitment to Ukrainian-Russian relations based on a new, truly equal and good-neighbourhood basis, what was particularly underlined in the address to the Ukrainian people made by the Acting President of Ukraine, Head of the Ukrainian Parliament, H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Turchynov.

Right after the formation of the new Government, the Ukrainian party will be ready to restore the full-scale bilateral dialogue within the frameworks of institutions of the Ukrainian-Russian Interstate Commission.

Kyiv, 25 February 2014